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1. Talked with Thomas Scott on Senate Appropriations Committee staff indicating that Paul Cotter had requested an interview at our [redacted] [redacted] and since I did not know Cotter I was calling to confirm this. Scott indicated that Cotter was a very capable individual with full clearances and it had been suggested that he see some of our people although he primarily was looking into USIA matters. I advised Scott that I would wire the field offering a general briefing but this would not include any operational or fiscal matters pertaining to the Agency. This appeared to be agreeable.

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25X1 3. Mr. Holmes advised that Richard Areas of HCUA had telephoned the DCI inquiring about [redacted]. The Director had turned the matter over to Holmes and Holmes suggested I deal with Aurell.

4. Discussed with Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) the proposal by James G. Talbot for East-West exchange on the cold storage facilities. I explained to Jackson that the State Department did not have a strong feeling about granting an exchange to Soviet travel in Washington if it were on a reciprocal basis although it was our information that the previous fisheries group had not gained a great deal of information. Also it is our view that travel by an intelligent American in presently denied Soviet areas was a desirable thing from our viewpoint. I further indicated that a CIA representative sat on a Committee which considered these matters. Jackson indicated he was going to request the State Department to propose this East-West exchange and seemed appreciative of the information furnished.